



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Public Notice

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal and modification of water pollution control discharge permit # NEV95014 from the following applicant:

United States Air Force (USAF) 99th CES/CEV
4349 Duffer Drive, Suite 1601
Nellis AFB, NV 89191-7007

The Permittee operates the Cedar Pass - Nevada Test and Training Range located 44 miles east of Goldfield, NV in Nye County. The existing wastewater treatment facility consisting of two, double-lined, partial-mix ponds and three, double-lined evaporation basins is proposed for upgrade with installation of an activated sludge package plant discharging tertiary-treated, denitrified effluent. Two of the five lined basins will be retained for emergency storage and/or standby treatment. Three of the five lined basins will be converted into rapid infiltration basins for disposal of treated effluent with an estimated depth to groundwater of 800 ft. The Permittee has requested a flow limit of 30,000 gallons per day for the new package plant. The capacity of the emergency ponds remains at 18,000 gallons per day. Over the past five-year permit term, wastewater flow at Cedar Pass averaged 9,000 gallons per day. The effluent is sampled quarterly to verify compliance with the permit requirements. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue the proposed permit conditions for a five (5) year term.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered, e-mailed, faxed or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. PST on Friday, December 5, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart St, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant

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degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424, or via e-mail at: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov. The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. The fact sheet for this permit can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>

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